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Office Action Summary

Application No. 09/552,310	Applicant(s)	<i>CP</i>	
	Examiner Lincoln Donovan	Art Unit 2832	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on Apr 30, 2003.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1, 3-9, and 18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1, 3-9, and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some* c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- *See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 21
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-9 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Blaettner et al. [US 5,497,039] in view of Irwin et al. and Japan 358054606.

Blaettner et al. discloses a coil [26] for an electric machine comprising:

- multiple windings [figure 1]; and
- an epoxy powder resin coating [132] applied to the coil layers.

Blaettner et al. disclose the instant claimed invention except for: the powder resin specifically having a dielectric strength of 1000-1500 v/mil for use in a turbine generator.

Japan 358054606 discloses a coating for a coil of an electric machine formed of a silicon powder resin having a high dielectric strength.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the coating composition of Japan 358054606 for Blaettner et al., as modified, for the purpose of enabling the coil to withstand the operating environment of a field coil.

Irwin et al. discloses a generator having a winding with a high voltage power coating.

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It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made that a coated winding with a power coating having a high dielectric strength and heat withstand could have been used in a generator, as suggested by Irwin et al., for the purpose of protecting the generator windings.

Regarding claim 3, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to not coat the end connection portions of the winding in order to provide a good electrical connection.

Regarding claim 8, to add additional coatings would have been obvious for the purpose of improving wear characteristics.

The specific materials used to form the coils would have been an obvious design consideration based on the specific operating environment and loads.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 3-9 and 18 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Lincoln Donovan whose telephone number is (703) 308-3111.

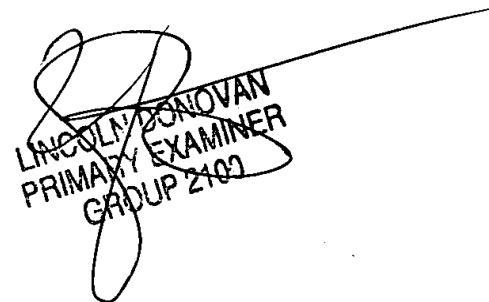
The fax number for this Group is (703)-872-9318.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-0956.

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August 21, 2003



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LINCOLN DONOVAN". Below the signature, the text "PRIMARY EXAMINER" and "GROUP 2102" is printed vertically.